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1. REFTEL AND THE MESSAGE QUOTED BELOW ARE THE MOST
RECENT NASA-MORFLOT CORRESPONDENCE ON CONVENING THE FIRST
MEETING OF A US-SOVIET SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) JOINT

WORKING GROUP (JWG). THIS JWG WAS ESTABLISHED BY A MAY 1977 AGENCY-LEVEL PROTOCOL TO PLAN SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN A PROPOSED US-CANADIAN-FRENCH SATELLITE-AIDED SAR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT, NOW SCHEDULED FOR LAUNCH IN 1982.

2. ON MARCH 27 NASA RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO TERRELL:
SUBJECT: FIRST JOINT GROUP MEETING ON SAR SATELLITES
PROJECT RECOGNIZING NEED TO ACCELERATE ELABORATION OF THE PROJECT AND TO CONVOKE THE MEETING AND NOT HAVING ANSWER TO MY TELEX OF 14 MARCH COMMUNICATED TO MR. FRUTKIN THROUGH US EMBASSY I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW YOUR OPINION ON THE SUBJECT AND TO STRESS SECOND PART OF JUNE IS DESIRABLE TIME FOR THE

MEETING. MY TELEX 7197 MORFLOT SU. LOOKING FORWARD
REGARDS Y. ATSEROV PRESIDENT V/O MORSVIAZSPUTNIK.

3. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM TERRELL OF NASA TO ATSEROV OF MORFLOT:

MAY 11, 1978

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DEAR MR. ATSEROV:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CABLE OF MARCH 27 SUGGESTING THAT THE US-SOVIET SEARCH AND RESCUE JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING BE HELD THE SECOND PART OF JUNE.

I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE MEET JUNE 21, 22, AND IF NECESSARY, JUNE 23, AT GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER OUTSIDE WASHINGTON, D;C. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED AT THE STAFF LEVEL THAT THESE DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO CANADIAN AND FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES, BUT THE DATES MUST OF COURSE BE TENTATIVE PENDING YOUR CONFIRMATION AND THAT OF THE OTHER DELEGATIONS. I HOPE TO FORWARD TO YOU A PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

AS MENTIONED IN OUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 3, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US IN PREPARING FOR THE MEETING TO SEE A DRAFT OF THE OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONCEPTS OF THE SOVIET SYSTEM.

IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IF

FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS SUBJECT WERE CHanneled
THROUGH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY.

BEST REGARDS.

NORMAN TERRELL
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
NASA

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